GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1345
ANSWERED ON:31.07.2001
AMALGAMATION OF HOCL WITH KOCHI OIL REFINERIES
GEORGE EDEN

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to amalgamate H.O.C.L. at Ambalamedu, Kerala with Kochin Oil Refineries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have received any suggestions from the Trade Unions of the Hindustan Organic Chemicals in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS(SHRI S. B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a), (b), (c) & (d): A proposal has been received from the HOCL Joint Action Council ofCochin Unit and others for merger of the Cochin Unit of the Company with Kochi Refineries Limited.

Some suggestions have also been received from various employees` unions of the Company. The names of these Unions and their main suggestions are given in the Annexure.

No final view has yet been taken as the Government is considering disinvestment of 33% of its shareholding in HOCL to a strategic partner alongwith management control.

Annexure referred to in reply to parts (a) to (d) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.1345 for reply on 31.7.2001

Views of different Labour Unions of HOCL with regard to the proposal of merger of Kochi Unit of HOCL with Kochi Refineries Limitec (KRL)

S.No. Name of the Union	Views
1) HOCL Officers Association, Rasayani	They oppose the proposal of merger of Kochi Unit with KRL as it will put the life of employees of Rasayani unit at stake
2) Patalganga Rasayani Kamgar Sanghtna, Rasayani	- do -
3) HOCL Officers Association, Cochin	They are for merger of Cochin Unit alone with KRL as it will result in better competitiveness and performance of the Unit. If the Govt ploughs back the proceeds from this to Rasayani unit, Rasayani Unit can be restructured and brought back to health.
4) Save HOCL Joint Action Council, Cochin	Since the option of merger of both units with BPCL was not acceptable to BPCL management, the only way out to save the Company from going to BIFR is to consider immediate merger of HOCL Cochin Unit with M/s Kochi Refineries Limited. The sale proceeds can be utilized to revive the Rasayani Unit.

5)HOCL Employees Union,
Rasayani For complete merger of HOCL with BPCL if it happens immediately. On the contrary, the disinvestment process should go very fast for inviting `Expressions of Interest` from the strategic partners for disinvestment purpose.